



## April 2020 Newsletter

Hello everyone,

This is sadly not our usual newsletter but we wanted to touch base with you all to keep you updated on our current situation.

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March it was with a heavy heart that we decided to temporarily close our doors until further notice due to the current Coronavirus pandemic. We made this decision based on the fact that the health and safety of our children, their families and our team is paramount. We did not have the demand to remain open for key workers or vulnerable children who were not able to be cared for and kept safe at home. We will miss you all and hope to see you all again very soon. Stay safe and look after each other.

If there is any support or advice that we can offer you or your family during this strange and difficult time then please feel free to contact us either via e-mail, telephone or Facebook messenger:

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### **Some useful resources:**

\* **What to Expect and When** - The purpose of this booklet is to help you as a parent/carer find out more about how your child is learning and developing during their first five years, in relation to the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stages). Children develop more rapidly during the first five years of their lives than at any other time. This booklet has been written to help you as a parent know what to expect during these vitally important years by focusing on the seven areas of learning and development which are covered in the EYFS.

[https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4Children\\_ParentsGuide\\_2015\\_WEB.pdf](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4Children_ParentsGuide_2015_WEB.pdf)

\* **Early years apps** – These are approved apps to help families kick start learning at home. Families are encouraged to support children's literacy and language skills from the home.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/early-years-apps-approved-to-help-families-kick-start-learning-at-home>

\* **Blog from Family - How should parents approach the EYFS at home? Spoiler alert: You're not meant to be a superhero** – This blog may provide you with some useful information on how to talk to your children about the current situation and how you could support Early Years learning at home

<https://family.co/blog/covid-19/parents-eyfs-home/>

**Fees and funding:**

We have decided that during our closure we will not be invoicing families as normal, however, stated under 3.6 of our childcare terms and conditions that in the event where the place is unfulfilled due to illness or holidays the place is still payable in full. We want to support our families during this difficult and worrying time as much as we are able so will not be asking for any payments for contracted hours in April or beyond until we are advised that we can return to 'normal'.

We are asking that if you are financially able and still working and not being affected during this pandemic then we are asking that any voluntary payments you can make to ensure we can still have a nursery for you on the other side of this then they would be massively appreciated and very gratefully received.

The Early Education Funding is due to be paid to providers but I'm sure you can appreciate that this alone only covers around 50% of the running costs. All staff are on 'furlough' until advised we can return to nursery so we can ensure the same friendly faces are there to greet you in the future.

Again, please do not feel that you must make any payment, this would be a voluntary payment.

Thank you for your continued support. Any queries/concerns then please do not hesitate to talk to us.

Charlotte and the Charlotte's Web Pre-School Nursery team.